

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION**

**THE ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC
CONFERENCE, et al.,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**LUTHER STRANGE, in his official
capacity as Attorney General of
Alabama, et al.,**

Defendants.

Case No.: 5:11-cv-2449-JEO

ORDER

This case is before the court on Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction (doc. 37), filed January 16, 2014. The court held a telephone conference with the parties on January 22, 2014. During the telephone conference, the parties and court agreed that the most expeditious way to resolve the case was to combine the Motion for Preliminary Injunction with a final adjudication on the merits.¹ In order to accomplish this, the parties shall be allowed to conduct discovery on an accelerated schedule. Said discovery shall be completed by **March 14, 2014**. Plaintiffs shall file their amended brief by **April 4, 2014**. Defendants shall file any response by **April 25, 2014**. Plaintiffs shall file any reply by **May 5, 2014**. This case is **SET** for a telephone conference on **May 9, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.** to discuss whether a hearing is necessary. The call-in number is 205-278-2186 and the Meeting ID is 3895.

¹ The Motion for Preliminary will remain pending. Plaintiffs will supplement their briefing in accordance with this Order.

DONE this 27th day of January, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Ott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

JOHN E. OTT

United States Magistrate Judge